Background

The "Folkeskole" is the Danish municipal primary and lower secondary school. It consists of one year of pre-school class, nine years of primary and lower secondary education and a one-year 10th form. It is on a national level regulated by the Folkeskole Act, which provides the overall framework for the schools' activities.

The Folkeskole in figures (2008)
- 98 municipalities
- 1,605 municipal schools
- 595,573 students
- 28,591 classes
- The average number of students per class is 19.6
- The teacher/student ratio is 1:10.7
- 50,972 teachers, of which 67% are women and 47% are below 45 years
- 10,491 students receive extensive special educational assistance
- 59,869 bilingual students

The Curriculum

There is no mandatory curriculum. The Folkeskole Act gives the Minister the authority to establish the regulations and aims regarding education and regarding the central knowledge and skill areas (end objectives) in subjects and compulsory topics. Moreover, the Minister for Education determines the regulations and objectives for specific form levels (form level objectives) for the specific subjects/topics. The end and form level objectives establish a national objective for the direction and goals of the teaching, ensuring that students acquire the knowledge and skills in the subject/topic at, respectively, the end of their programme of education and at the conclusion of specific form levels. A description (in Danish) of each subject is provided in the subject's folder under the title "Common Objectives" (Fælles Mål) at http://www.faellesmaal.uvm.dk/.

However, it is the responsibility of the individual municipal boards to determine how the municipality's schools are to be organised in practice within the framework established by law.

The individual municipal boards must prepare an annual quality report.

Endorsements

Plan for implementation in all regions of Denmark

End of August 2009 -:

1,050 Books and folder was sent to:
Local education authority
National Board of Health
Ministry of Education
The Danish Committee for Health Education
Journal for teachers and school nurses

1,040 Folder was e-mailed to:
School management
Professional infection control associations

Other:
Web-site announcement on SSI
Press release
National Hygiene Week October